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The 3rd Annual CSNA Northern Numismatic Symposium, hosted by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, was held in San Francisco at Fort Mason last month to rave reviews. Those who attended were treated to talks by four prominent numismatists that held the attention of everyone who attended. I only wish more of you would take advantage of this rare opportunity to broaden your numismatic horizons. We are again indebted to the members of the PCNS for helping us continue this worthwhile endeavor. They are already planning for another symposium next year.

The CSNA 112th Convention, being held in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club Show, will be held in San Jose on January 17, 18 and 19, 2003, and will be here before you know it. You will find all the information regarding the show elsewhere in this edition of CALCOIN NEWS. Be sure you get your hotel reservations in early to get the best rate, and send for your banquet tickets, too. General Chairman Joel Anderson and his wife, Lila, will assure everyone of a good time as they are a fun couple and like to pass the enjoyment on to others. Plan to travel to San Jose and join in the fun.

I would like to call attention of the program chairmen of the local clubs to the CSNA slide and cassette tape

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programs that are available for your club meetings. I recently received a new cassette donation, *Rare United States Half Dollars*, from David Lange, a past president of CSNA. It was taped at one of the recent ANA conventions and features David presenting the program at the Numismatic Theater. It's a very good tape and your club members will enjoy seeing it. Thanks, David, for thinking of CSNA. If you are not familiar with our Audio-Visual programs, contact Kay Lenker for an up-to date list of the many programs she has available. This service is free to member clubs; all we ask is to be reimbursed for the postage to mail them out.

And speaking of Kay Lenker, she fell and broke her hip while attending a relatives funeral in Las Vegas and had to have a hip replacement. She is home now and doing just fine. Give her a call or send a get-well card; I'm sure she would like to hear from you. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Kay. I am sure you will be in San Jose for the next convention if at all possible.

A highlight of the San Jose Convention will occur at 3:00 PM on Friday at a special Author's Reception that will introduce a new book, *EXONUMIA OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION*,

written by Donald Barsi of Fremont. Don has been working diligently on this book for the past three years and deserves our heartfelt appreciation for his efforts. All the proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the CSNA Education Fund and should be included in every CSNA member's library. Please try to be present for the presentation and reception that will follow. This has been a labor of love for Don who is a consummate token collector. You have all heard the saying, "find a hole and fill it." Well, Don found a "hole" in the CSNA and filled it! He took the initiative and filled the "hole" by writing a book we will all find useful in our numismatic exonomia collecting. Bravo, Don!

The results of our election of officers for the 2003-2004 term will be announced at the board meeting on January 18th. You should have received your ballots by now so please send them back as soon as possible as time flies by quickly at this time of year with all the holidays coming at the end of the year. The new officers will be installed at the banquet on Saturday evening.

Since I will not have the opportunity of coming to you in another "President's Message", I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank each member and officer of this Association for your confidence, your cooperation, and your support during my term as president. I have strived to insure our educational activities will be around for many years to come and would like to be remembered as an Educational President. Someone said to me after I was elected, and outlined the things I wanted to accomplish as president, that it could not be done in a two year term of office. I have come to realize that was true. But, I have given it my all, and can say with pride, that I tried. I have

thoroughly enjoyed working for Cal-State in this capacity and my term has expired all too quickly. Thank you for permitting me to represent you for the past two years, and I pledge my continued support and efforts on behalf of this great organization in the years to come.

Ruth

A FASCINATING HOBBY

Coin collecting is interesting and stimulating! Most likely it is the oldest of all collecting hobbies for it appeared very shortly after the inception of coinage in the seventh century B. C.

During the period from 1500 to 1700, coin collecting soared to new heights of popularity. Nearly all of the aristocracy had collections and it was so much in vogue that a wealthy person would install a coin cabinet as a prominent part of their household furnishings. If a coin cabinet was not on display, they were considered unfashionable.

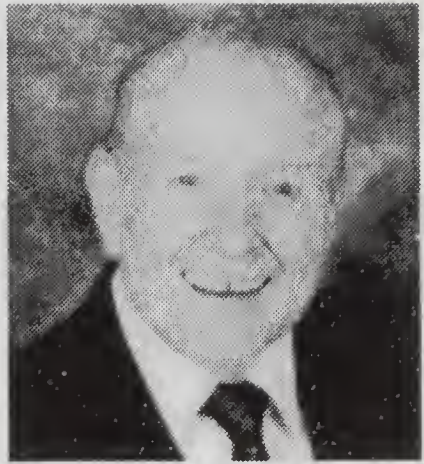
It was during this period of time that the kings of most major European countries put together some of the finest collections with coins of every available kind. Many of these collections are still preserved and form the national collections of the British Museum, London; the Bibliotheque Nationale of Paris and the Hermitage in Leningrad as well as various other capitals of the world.

The hobby of kings became known as the "king of hobbies". Coin collectors span every age and economic group in today's world.

THROUGH THE NUMISMATIC GLASS:

THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

By Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald



Who were the Corps of Volunteers for North West Discovery? Were these folks explorers, scientists, ambassadors, frontiersmen or patriots? Most would agree they were all of the above. Who was Mrs. Toussaint Charbonneau? What United States coin has a bust on both the obverse and the reverse? What event has been memorialized by three coins and a United States \$10 legal tender note?

The Louisiana Purchase

Newly elected President Thomas Jefferson learned of a secret treaty transferring the Louisiana Territory from Spain to France. He sent Robert R. Livingston, and several months later, James Monroe, to negotiate the purchase of New Orleans or at least some port rights at the mouth of the Mississippi River. The new nation needed the waterway for its commerce.

On April 11, 1803, Napoleon offered to sell all of the Louisiana Territory for 15 million dollars or about four cents per acre. Livingston and Monroe agreed to the purchase. With this treaty, the United States acquired about 828,000 square miles, doubling the size of the nation.

This vast territory included what today are 13 states. Many of these states were in the Northwest. These included Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Oklahoma.

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Prologue

In 1803, President Jefferson won congressional approval for his exploration project. The President wanted to know if there was a trade route overland to the Pacific Ocean by following two rivers, the Missouri and the Columbia.

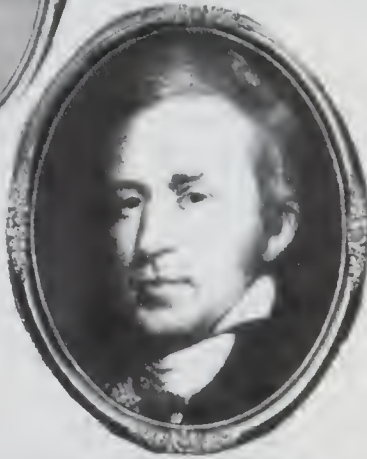
On February 28, 1803, Congress appropriated money for a small U. S. Army unit to explore the two rivers and to meet with the unknown Indian Tribes. The ambassadors would inform the Indians that American traders would soon come to buy their furs. We were in competition with fur traders from Great Britain who came south from Canada. Note that these plans preceded the April purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France. Now the army expedition could travel west on American soil.

Jefferson asked 28-year old Army Captain and his private secretary, Meriwether Lewis, to lead the exploring mission. Lewis in turn chose a former army comrade, 32 year-old William Clark, to be co-leader.

Jefferson seemed to be interested in every aspect of this unexplored part of the new nation. The President wrote specific instructions and asked the explorers to make a detailed report on western geography, climate, plants and animals, and to study the customs and languages of the Indians. He gave



← Lewis



Clark →

Lewis a long list of questions to ask the western Indians concerning their daily lives.

Lewis, with these instructions in mind, visited the President's scientific friends in Philadelphia for instruction on natural sciences, astronomical navigation and field medicine. He was destined to be the medical doctor for the expedition.

Lewis and Clark reached the staging area at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers near St. Louis in December, 1803. They recruited young woodsmen, and enlisted soldiers who volunteered from nearby army posts. The expedition's roster comprised approximately 45 men including 26 soldiers, Clark's black servant (slave) York, and some local boatmen who would only go part way.

The Departure—May 14, 1804

On May 14, 1804, Clark wrote in his journal: "I set out at 4 o'clock P. M. ... And proceeded on under a jentle (sic) breeze up the Missouri." By early November, they reached the villages of the Hidatsa Indians who lived in what today is North Dakota. They spent five months at Fort Mandan (which they

had built and named after the Indian tribe). They had been gone 164 days and traveled approximately 1,510 miles. Here they met a French-Canadian fur trader, Toussaint Charbonneau who had bought an Indian woman. Sacagawea was a Shoshoni Indian and her tribal homeland lay in the Rocky Mountain country far to the west. She had been kidnapped by the Plains Indians five years previously. She could speak both Shoshoni and Minitari. She and Charbonneau could be very helpful in trading for horses, etc. Moreover, Sacajawea could prove to be a sign of peace, assuring the Indians that the

Explorers were friendly. Clark wrote: "No woman ever accompanies a war party of Indians in this quarter." As a result, the Charbonneau family, with their new-born son, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, joined the expedition.

After crossing the Continental Divide, the party made their first contact with the Shoshoni Indians. Much to their surprise and good fortune, Lewis and Clark learned that Sacajawea's brother, Cameahwait, was now chief of the tribe.



Fort Clatsop

With a great deal of help from the Indians, in early October, 1805 the party reached the Snake River and then on October 16th the Columbia River. In mid November, the captains finally strode upon the sands of the Pacific Ocean.

Clark recorded that 554 days had elapsed and they had traveled 4,132 miles. Crossing the river, they built a fort they called Fort Clatsop, near Astoria, Oregon. A replica, based upon the plans of the original fort, has been built where the original fort was believed to have been located. It is a tourist attraction for those who visit Astoria.

link between the Missouri and Columbia rivers. Only one member of the party died during the journey. Sgt. Charles Floyd suffered an apparent appendicitus attack which proved to be fatal.

Although Lewis, Clark and Toussaint received grants of land from Congress, Sacajawea received no compensation for her services. On February 28, 1807, President Jefferson picked Lewis to be Governor of Upper Louisiana Territory. While traveling to Washington D. C. to clear his name of an alleged wrongdoing, Captain



"Lewis & Clark at the Three Forks" depicts Charboneau, Sgt. York, Lewis & Clark and Sacajawea during the epic journey of the Corps of Discovery to the Pacific Ocean.

The Epilogue

The return journey took place from March, 1806 to September, 1806. Arriving at the Mandan village on August 17, 1806, the Charbonneau family left the expedition and Private John Colter was discharged at his request.

On September 23, 1806, the party arrived at St. Louis. They had traveled about 8,000 miles. The Rocky Mountains had ended Jefferson's hope of finding a water

Meriwether Lewis died mysteriously on October 11, 1809 at a roadhouse in Tennessee. Some claim he was murdered while others believe he committed suicide. William Clark enjoyed a lifelong career in public service in St. Louis. In 1813, Brigadier General of Militia, Clark was appointed Governor of Missouri Territory. He died of natural causes in St. Louis on September 1, 1838.



Numismatic Pieces

An Act of Congress of April 13, 1904, created the Lewis and Clark Exposition to be held in Portland, Oregon. This event was to honor the Corps of Discovery. Part of the appropriations was to enable the event to open and the money was to be raised by the sale of 250,000 gold dollars to be struck and sold at the exposition.

This two-headed coin, making it unique in our mint's history, was the work of mint engraver, Charles E. Barber. It appears that Barber used the Charles Willson Peale portraits of Lewis and Clark found in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, as his models. On the obverse with the date is the bust of Meriwether Lewis. Thus the reverse, with the denomination, bears the bust of William Clark. Coins with a little wear make it difficult to distinguish one bust from the other. These coins bear either 1904 or 1905 dates.

The mint struck 25,000 coins during September, 1904 and these were to remain in the Treasury vaults for nearly a year as the Exposition did not open until June 1, 1905.



Surprisingly, coin dealer, D. M. Averill & Co. in Portland, Oregon, advertised the 1904 dollars in April, 1905, several months prior to the opening of the Exposition. His ad, appearing in the Numismatist, stated that the 25,000 coins dated 1904 "are nearly exhausted." Remember, the coins were to be sold at the Exposition. Farran Zerbe set up his booth in the manufacturers Building where he sold the gold coins.

In the meantime, the mint struck 35,000 coins dated 1905. By the time the Exposition closed on October 14, 1905, only 9,997 of the 1904s had been sold and only 10,000 of the 1905s. The other 25,000 1905 coins never left the mint. Didn't a dealer claim the supply had almost been exhausted?

Sacagawea Dollars

In a continuing effort to persuade citizens to circulate dollar coins, the Sacagawea dollar was created. The design was selected in a national competition. The adopted motif depicts Sacagawea, the Indian wife of the French Canadian Charbonneau, on the obverse. Designed by artist Glenna Goodacre, the portrait shows Sacajawea's son, Jean Baptiste, on her back. The reverse bears an eagle in flight as designed by mint engraver, Thomas D. Rogers, Sr.

The coins have a distinctive golden color and a plain edge to distinguish them from other coins similar in size. They were first minted in 2000.



United States Currency

As early as 1901, when the "Bison" \$10 Legal Tender Series was being engraved by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the plans for the Exposition were being discussed. Walter Shirlaw's portraits of Lewis and Clark, totally different from Barber's portraits, were engraved vignettes. The famous engraver, G. F. C. Smillie placed the famous duo on each end of the original plates. AS a result, from 1901 through 1925, every red seal \$10 note bore the portraits of Lewis and Clark.



Black Diamond struts his stuff for this beautiful \$10 Bison Note, Series of 1901. A choice, crisp, uncirculated piece was recently advertised for sale at \$2,895.00.

More Coins to Come

As this column is being written, the author is looking at designs for a commemorative silver dollar in observance of the 2004 anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. On October 17, 2002, the Commission of Fine Arts recommended one obverse and two reverse designs.

LEWIS & CLARK EXONUMIA

The dedicated collector can find a wide variety of items relating to the Expedition for topical collecting. All items shown here are enlarged to provide for more detail.

Bronze Medals issued in 1905 to commemorate the centennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Similar in design, they were different sizes, one 34 mm and the other 36mm.



Gold colored medal sold at Fort Clatsop in Astoria, Oregon features some of the expedition members on the obverse and a rough sketch of the Fort layout.



Lewis & Clark gave peace medals to various Indian Chiefs to help establish friendly relations with their tribes. The silver and copper medals bore the likeness of Washington or Jefferson on one side, and various inscriptions on the other. The reverse shown here is the Jefferson Peace and Friendship Medal of 1801. The US Mint replicated these medals as copper souvenir pieces.



A granite shaft on the Missouri River at Sioux City, Iowa marks the grave of Sergeant Floyd, the only member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition to lose his life. This medal was issued by CSNA member Club, The Liberty Numismatic Society.



**3RD ANNUAL
NORTHERN
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OCTOBER 5TH**

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society once again hosted a successful CSNA Educational Symposium in the Northern part of the State. The event was held in Room 210, Building C, Fort Mason, San Francisco, California on Saturday, October 5th.

Founded in 1915 by Farran Zerbe, PCNS is the oldest numismatic organization in the western United States, and is noted for its long tradition of fostering research and publication. The California Exonumist Society also contributed to the funding of this outstanding program. CSNA thanks both!

Approximately 40 participants were welcomed by CSNA President Ruth Phillips. Cameron Kiefer, the ANA Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year was introduced. Also attending was Elliott Wehner, recipient of the CSNA Scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar.

PCNS President Michael Wehner introduced the speakers. Each presenter spoke for about an hour and entertained questions from the group following their talk. The Symposium also featured an on-site box-lunch with plenty of time for the Numismatists to visit and share interesting conversations. Michael Turrini won the door prize, a beautiful book "A California Gold Rush History" donated by the author Q. David Bowers.

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BOB CHANDLER, Assistant Vice-President of Historical Services for Wells Fargo, was the first speaker. His topic *Emperor Norton and His Currency* recounted the history of the "only currency ever accepted at par value in San Francisco".

Joshua Norton was born in 1818 in London. It was reputed that he was of Royal Blood, was spirited away to South Africa when he was two years old in order to protect him, and raised by the Nortons. Joshua arrived in San Francisco in 1849 and engaged in various business enterprises becoming a very wealthy man. However, he lost his wealth and began to wander the streets of San Francisco. An interesting character, he could talk about any subject and was an avid chess player.

On September 17, 1859, Norton declared himself *Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico*. He abolished the U. S. Presidency, Congress, the Republican and Democratic Parties, etc. and set about "taking care of his people". Since the mark of sovereignty is to "issue money", Norton issued "currency" which he sold to friends and tourists. It is believed that he issued about six pieces of scrip per week in 50 cent and 5 dollar denominations. The currency of Emperor Norton is rare today and is sought after by collectors. Emperor Norton died on January 8, 1880 and an estimated 10,000 people attended his funeral forming a huge procession. Friends arranged for his burial as befitted royalty.

The second speaker of the morning was BEN DAMSKY, a specialist in ancient coinage. Ben is a member of the San Francisco Ancient Coin Club and is well known to Bay Area

collectors. His topic was *Myths on Roman Coins*. Damsky told his audience that "the variety of Roman coins is like an ocean that you can never conquer".

Ancient Rome issued 1 to 2 coins per week for hundreds of years and the numismatist, out of necessity, must specialize. He said that collecting ancients generates lots of fun as the collector learns about the stories behind the coins. Using slides which featured both the obverse and reverse of a number of Roman coins, Ben focused on the reverse. He detailed the messages of the coins that reflect scenes of mythology on them.

An interactive approach to the identification of figures and scenes on the ancient coins kept the audience guessing and trying to remember what they learned in school many years ago. Of particular interest was a coin which depicted the universe; Sun, Moon, Earth and Sea surrounded by signs of the Zodiac. A number of attendees left planning to explore the world of Homer and Mythology further.

The first speaker of the afternoon was TOM HALLENBECK, a professional numismatist from Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is a current board member of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS) and a former board member of the American Numismatic Society. He has taught for the past ten years at the ANA summer seminar. Tom has a particular interest in the rich numismatic history of Colorado and spoke about *Joseph Lesher's Referendum Silver Souvenir Medals*.

Starting with a brief history of gold rushes, Hallenbeck reminded his

audience that the California Gold Rush was ten years before that of Colorado. The "rush to the Rockies" for "nuggets" occurred in 1859. In 1892, the Cripple Creek Gold Rush focused on placer mining.

Joseph Lesher was a 62 year old, wealthy land speculator, and silver advocate, who lived in Victor, Colorado. He was a supporter of William Jennings Bryan. Desiring to see silver utilized, he issued the private tokens, also called "Dollars" in 1900 and 1901. The one ounce silver octagon pieces, of .950 fine silver, alloyed with copper, were used in trade and stocked by various merchants who redeemed them in goods. The first type (sold in November 1900) had no business name. Others issued in 1900 were A. B. Bumstead, a grocer and the first merchant who participated in Lesher's plan, and Bank types. Those issued in 1901 had a number and a blank space at the bottom so the names of the businessmen who bought them could be stamped there. Grocers, jewelers and even a shoemaker were known tradesmen who bought Lesher's pieces.

Farran Zerbe was the first person to research these interesting pieces and his name is used to identify the different issues (e. g. Zerbe 1, Zerbe 2 etc.). Despite the estimate that between two-thirds and three-fourths of the tokens issued have survived, all are quite rare and many are very rare. Lesher sold some of his pieces to bankers and the statement appearing on the token that they would be "redeemed at any bank" caused some problems with the government. It was reported that his dies were confiscated.

Tom circulated examples of several

different issues so attendees could see them and hold them in their hands.

JERRY SCHIMMEL was the fourth and last, but not least, speaker of the day. Jerry is a Fellow of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and is known for his extensive writings on a wide variety of token related topics. A specialist in the exonomia of San Francisco, his topic was *Tokens and Trade Checks: Documents for Local Historians..*

Starting with the definition of a token, Jerry explained that it is a piece issued as a substitute for money, for advertising, services and other purposes. The word comes from the Old English *tacn*.

He demonstrated the relationship between tokens and history by showing a slide of a "Good For" or other token, followed by a picture of the business or area as it looked when the token was issued/used. The third slide for each token showed the building in San Francisco as it looks today. Jerry uses ads, copies of Directories and old photos in his research. He said that sometimes addresses are changed, buildings disappear and neighborhoods are inhabited by different ethnic peoples. This all serves to make the research interesting and adds to the fun of the discovery of the history surrounding a particular token.

He also treated the group to slide photos of some old slot machine tokens along with pictures of the beautiful machines that used them. Jerry has matched the token to the machine, and has photos of police confiscating the slot machines in 1933. He has also researched the Old Barbary Coast historic area.

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See also Michael S. Turrini's report on the symposium appearing on page 45 of Numismatic News, October 5, 2002 for another perspective. All photos shown are courtesy of Michael S. Turrini. This report was written by Editor, Theresa Lund.



CSNA President, Ruth Phillips and PCNS President, Michael Wehner welcome Symposium participants



CES President, Michael Stanley, Cameron Kiefer of Visalia and Elliot Wehner of San Francisco



Michael Turrini, right receives Door Prize from Michael Wehner of PCNS



Bob Chandler holds up a piece of Emperor Norton's Currency



Ben Damskey challenges the memories of those in attendance to recall Myths



An opportunity to chat: Sarah Nordin, Lunch Hostess, is flanked by Michael Wehner (l) and Tom Hallenbeck (r)



Tom Hallenbeck introduces participants to Silver Medals issued in Colorado at the turn of the century.



Jerry Shimmel discusses San Francisco's Trade Tokens & History.

CLASSIFYING TRADITIONAL PALAUAN MONEY: ETHNOMATHEMATICS CONVEYS CULTURAL PRIDE

By Peter E. Patacsil, Ph. D.
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INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Palau is part of Micronesia and consists of a cluster of 343 islands located in the western Pacific Ocean, 550 miles east of the Philippines. Its population of approximately 19,000 people reside on only nine of the islands. In 1944, U. S. Marines fought a savage battle with Japanese troops entrenched in caves on the island of Pelelieu. During the fighting, 11,000 Japanese and almost 2,000 Americans perished. Palau is the smallest of the four political units that emerged from the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands that were administered by the United States after the second world war under a United Nations mandate.

United States currency is used throughout the republic. The colorful modern-day coins featured in coin catalogs are sold as souvenirs. Palau is credited with having issued the world's first Elvis Presley postage stamp.

ORIGIN OF TRADITIONAL PALAUAN MONEY

The origin of *udoud*, the traditional money of Palau, has never been firmly established. This traditional money is of foreign manufacture and of foreign importation. In 1783, the Antelope, a British merchant

ship (Captain Henry Wilson), was the first western ship on record to have visited Palau. Both pottery money and glass bead money were already in use at that time. It is thought, however, that *udoud* was in existence long before then. According to German ethnologists, the pottery pieces or bar gorgets (see Figure 1) may be of Asiatic origin. Another theory is that Malayan peoples who lived in both Yap and Palau brought the money to Palau. This theory is reinforced by the fact that antique polychrome beads (see Figure 2) were used in Borneo and Timor and were highly prized on both of these islands.

USES OF UDOUD

Despite the uncertainty regarding its origin, *udoud* is an important part of Palauan culture and is, or was, used in social practices and/or social institutions such as birth rites, death rites, divorces, inheritance, marriage, politics, religion, and war. Palauan women wear pottery pieces and/or glass beads around their necks (see Figure 3). A necklace or *iek* is usually assembled from clan money and worn on special occasions by high ranking women. Further, female students at the University of Guam (UOG) can be seen on campus adorned with necklaces made of Palauan money. These are usually single pieces strung on a black chord. In contemporary terms, the value of traditional Palauan money can vary between US \$100 and \$100,000.

CLASSIFYING PALAUAN MONEY

Ubiratan D'Ambrosio of Brazil, the father of ethnomathematics, defines this discipline as mathematics that is practiced among identifiable groups including: national-tribal societies;

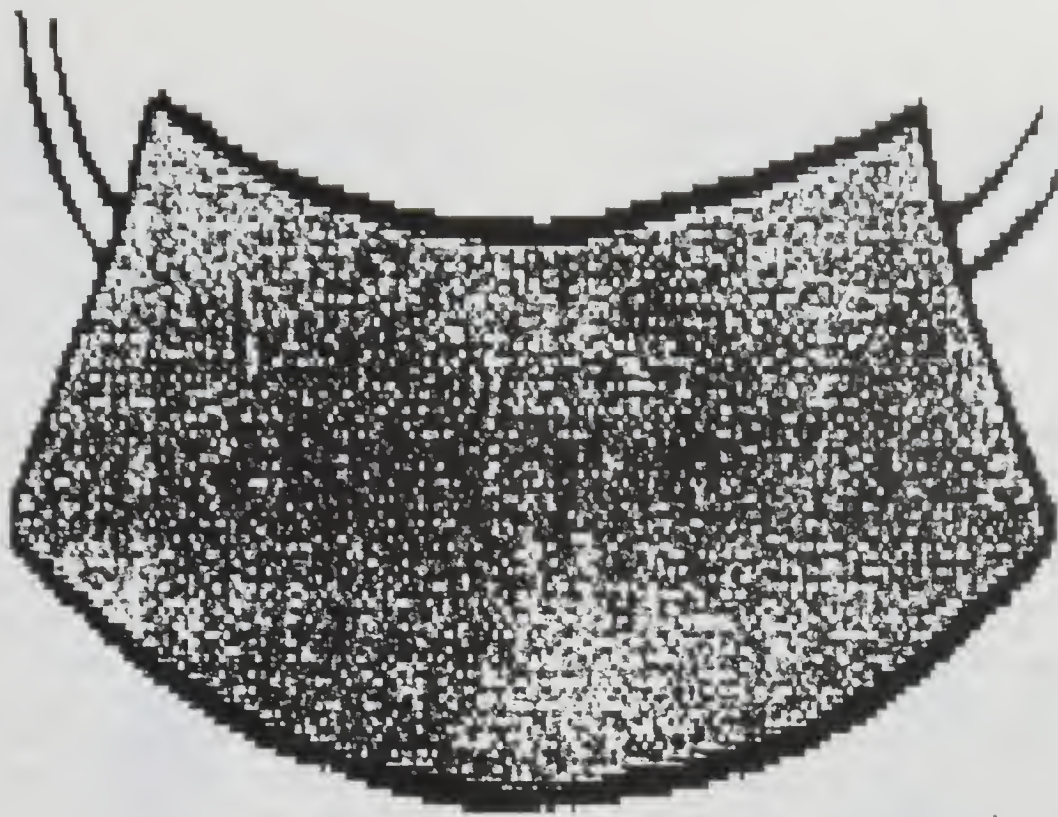


Figure 1. Bar Gorget

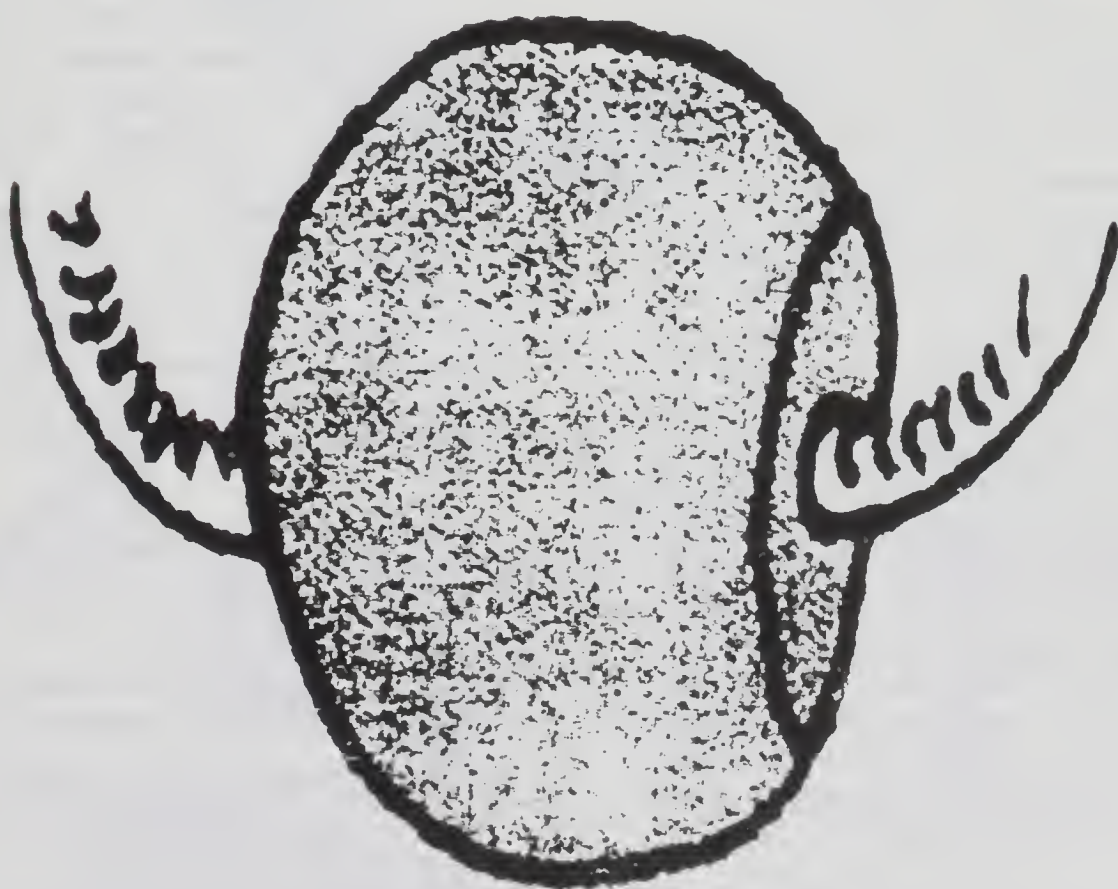


Figure 2. Polychrome Bead

Children of a certain age bracket; labor groups; occupations (e. g. , engineers) that practice a unique form of mathematics; professional classes; and so forth. Classifying is among the ethnomathematics activities practiced by different cultural groups. For example, traditional Palauan money is classified into two general categories: pottery or fired clay (*kldait*); and glass beads. The pottery pieces can be found in yellow (called *brak*) or red (called *munungau*) varieties. Numerous pottery pieces are crescent in shape (called *bachel* or bar gorgets). The glass beads are either polychrome or clear green. Each pottery piece or glass bead is designed with a hole so that a cord or string can be passed through.

ETHNOMATHEMATICS PRESENTATION

In April, 2002, my finite mathematics students at UOG were tasked to attend my seminar presentation "Ethnomathematics in Micronesia" during the UOG College of Arts and Sciences Annual Conference. Each student was also tasked to write a reaction paper on the presentation. During the seminar, I displayed replica versions of the yellow (*brak*) and red (*munungau*) pottery varieties. I asked Isumechraard Ngirairikl, a student from Palau, to stand so that the other seminar participants could view her necklace of polychrome beads. Prior to the seminar, none of the other students were familiar with the significance of traditional Palauan money. After the presentation, Isumechraard wrote in her reaction paper:

"During the presentation I was asked to stand up so that the

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students and Professors could see the Palaun money on my neck. I will always remember that moment. I think I realized that Palauan money on my neck is more than just money, it's a symbol of my country. This presentation did not just tell me about Ethnomathematics, it also told me how important my culture is."

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The origin of *udoud* or traditional Pauluan money is unknown. However, it is used in many social practices and/or social institutions in Palau. *Udoud* is classified into two general categories: pottery pieces and polychrome glass beads. During a presentation on "Ethnomathematics in Micronesia", classifying and other ethnomathematics were described. During the discussion, replica pieces of pottery money were displayed; a student was asked to stand so that her polychrome bead necklace could be viewed by the other seminar participants. Students learned about: classifying and other ethnomathematics practices; Palauan and other Micronesian cultures; and the link between mathematics and culture. For one student, the seminar was an opportunity to showcase her culture and to take pride in her culture.

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Figure 3. Necklace



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THE 35th ANNUAL CSNA EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Thomas F Fitzgerald,
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The 35th annual CSNA Educational Symposium and Exhibits will be held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Fullerton, California on Saturday, March 15, 2003 beginning at 10:00 AM. This is the same location where the educational event has been held for the past 20 years. The hotel is at the junction of the 91 Freeway and Raymond Ave. in Fullerton. The address is 1500 S. Raymond Ave. and the telephone number is: (714) 635-9000.

"This will be a very special event," Chairman Dr. Tom Fitzgerald stated. "We are observing the 35th anniversary of this annual educational program and 2003 begins a significant bicentennial year of a very important part of the nation's history. Five outstanding speakers will present programs that are new to this series of symposiums. As usual, the NASC will join with the CSNA in hosting all young numismatists in attendance. These folks will attend the luncheon as guests of the NASC and receive a number of numismatic gifts in the afternoon.

CSNA Director of Education, Dr. Tom Fitzgerald announced the following programs and their presenters:

Rare Numismatic Items You Can Afford. Our hobby has been changed by grading services, very high prices for many desirable coins, coin grades that include nine levels for uncirculated coins and a
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scarcity of new collectors. Yet there are very interesting coins and currency including ancient coins, fractional currency, tokens and medals and other items that are within the budgets of most numismatists. ANA President JOHN WILSON and his lovely wife NANCY will tell you about these items and this wonderful hobby. Their talk should be of interest to all, regardless of what they collect.

Numismatic News and Krause Publications – 50 Years of Growth and Evolution. CLIFF MISHLER, recently retired and now consultant to Krause Publications will tell the story of what led to the establishment of Numismatic News and how that undertaking grew and developed into the entity that became Krause Publications. He'll recall the memorable story of how and where Krause Publications "spread its wings" over the years and where it is headed in the future.

Indian Peace Medals – Government representatives, traders and others gave Peace Medals to Indians to symbolize a promise of peace and friendship. DR. RITA LAWS is a third generation coin and medal collector and is a member of the Oklahoma Choctaw tribe. She has recently written a soon-to-be-published book on the subject. The Indian Peace Medal, bearing the bust of President Jefferson, was one of the many items carried by the expedition to present to the Indians.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition – An Epic Journey – The Year 2003 celebrates the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition, an event of tremendous importance in the development of the Western United States. This famous scientific exploration was full of scientific research, tremendous discoveries that were fully documented

and much drama. It has been commemorated by the issuance of gold coins, the Sacagawea dollar and a \$10 U.S. Note. LUDD A. TROZPEK, an expert on this expedition, will describe the journey and share many stories that are bound to fascinate the audience.

"Lunch with the Speakers" is an opportunity to get to know the presenters better and ask questions. It is available to all who wish to attend at a reasonable cost. The Symposium will close with all of the speakers appearing as a panel to field questions from the audience. If you want more information, contact Dr. Fitzgerald at (626) 335-3343 or email him at: fitzshamrock@aol.com.

ANA REPORT

The 111th Anniversary Convention in New York – All agreed that it was a very exciting and successful show. The bourse was busy, the auctions successful and the very informative educational events were well attended. At the banquet on Saturday evening, CSNA member Anthony Swiatek was awarded the Farran Zerbe Award, the highest honor that the Association can bestow on one of its members. Mr. Swiatek was recognized

for his many years of dedicated leadership and service to the Association. Call for Nominations – The ANA is inviting nominations for all of the officer positions that include President, Vice President and seven Governors-at-Large. Those elected will be installed at the ANA's 112th Anniversary Convention July 30 through August 3, 2003 in Baltimore, Maryland. Members with voting privileges may submit nominations in writing to the executive director. These must be received no earlier than December 1, 2002 and no later than March 31, 2003. If anyone wants more information, please contact the ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs or this representative.

New ANA Regional Coordinators Announced – CSNA Board of Director member Gary Beedon is the coordinator for the newly formed Region 27 covering Southern California. Gary joins CSNA Board of Director member Michael Turrini, coordinator of Region 8 for Northern California.

Next ANA Conventions and Show – The next ANA Show is scheduled for Charlotte, North Carolina at their Convention Center from March 21-23. The 112th Anniversary Convention is scheduled at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland from July 30 through August 3, 2003. **TOM**



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SUMMER SEMINAR

By Elliot Wehner
CSNA -J5956

I would like to thank the CSNA for giving me a scholarship to the ANA's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I learned a lot and had a lot of fun too! There was always something to do ranging from bull sessions to visiting the ANA museum.

The course I took was *Grading U. S. Coins*. In my class we graded many coins. There were all types of U. S. Coins including silver dollars and gold. Most of the coins that we looked at were either made into sets or were encapsulated by NGC or ANACS. We seemed to focus more on mint state coins. I can see why, because most people can tell a good from a fine, but not every one can tell an MS-62 from an MS-63. I also learned in my grading class that the most important things in the grading of mint state coins, ordered in importance, are eye appeal, luster and strike.

I did many other things at the Summer Seminar other than grade coins. A Young Numismatist (YN) is usually very busy during the typical day. In the morning, the other YN's and myself ate breakfast in the cafeteria at Colorado College. It wasn't always easy to get up because we were also very busy during the night. I always ate breakfast with my dad and my friend and roommate from Brooklyn, Max. Afterwards, the

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three of us would usually head on down to the ANA museum to look at the cool new exhibits. The exhibit on the lobby level of the museum was about American Indians on coins. Downstairs the ANA had an interesting exhibit on music. They had tokens and medals with Elvis and other musical related exnumia. I will never forget the Harry W. Bass collection. This little section was loaded with gold and patterns. That was my favorite part of the museum. All the gold was just astonishing, but my favorite coin in the collection was the Half Union pattern. I really wished the mint had produced those fifty-dollar gold pieces. I also got to see an uncut sheet of old five-dollar bills with the real signatures on them. There are only eight of these sheets known, and only one has been signed which is the one we got to see.

After the stop in the museum, it was time for class. After lunch Max and I would wander back into the ANA headquarters. At about one o'clock we would go back to class. The class was over at four and students had two hours before dinner. During the beginning of the week, Max and I took donations and consignments for the YN auction, which was held on the fourth of July. After taking in these coins and paper money for the auction, we would catalogue them. On the actual day of the auction I helped run the cash register. While I was running the cash register, a writer for Krause Publications took my picture. I had no idea why, but when I got home later I saw my picture in Numismatic News. From that auction we took in about eight thousand dollars for the ANA YN scholarship fund.

At the ANA seminar I learned a lot

about grading and had a fun time doing so! I met many friends on the way and I recommend that if you ever get the chance, get out to the ANA Summer Seminar. I know I will be trying to go back for two weeks next year.

Editors Note: Elliot Wehner of San Francisco, a CSNA Junior Member,

was the recipient of the 2002 CSNA Young Numismatist Scholarship providing for attendance at the Summer Seminar conducted by the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs last summer. As part of this scholarship, Elliot wrote this CALCOIN NEWS article relating his experience.



CSNA Sscholarship recipient, Elliot Wehner (left) discusses Numismatics

with Cameron Kiefer, (right) ANA's Young Numismatist of the Year

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This is my 24th and last issue as Editor. During this time I have learned to use a computer (thanks for bearing with me), suffered the death of my soul-mate and learned to live alone. I always said "when it isn't fun any more, I will stop". My health now says it isn't fun for my body and nerves to take the stresses of deadlines, editing and production, so I must pass the torch on to someone else.

It has been a rewarding, and learning experience. I have made many good friends and worked with some wonderful people over the six years. My thanks to Joel Anderson, Bill Grant and Ruth Phillips under whose presidential terms I served. Special thanks to Tom Fitzgerald, who provided guidance and information whenever I asked, and to the Publisher Jeff Shevlin who was an excellent team member. There are numerous other folks, officers, authors and readers who also deserve thanks. I will not attempt to name them for fear that I will forget some. You know who you are! My thanks to all of you who made my editorship possible. Any material sent to me will be promptly forwarded to the new Editor.

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Dear CALCOIN NEWS reader,

It hardly seems like ten years ago that I was appointed publisher of CALCOIN NEWS. I remember when David Lange was elected President of CSNA and he asked if I would serve. I said "yes, but only for two years". Well somehow two years turned into ten! It is now time to allow someone else the opportunity to make their contribution to CSNA and to their fellow numismatists.

It has been a pleasure to serve you all. I have been fortunate to work with a number of excellent editors, and Theresa is fantastic. Being a devoted numismatist, I intend to stay actively involved in the CSNA, and will now have more time to spend working with the many other clubs that I belong to. I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at future conventions.

Jeff Shervlin

CSNA TIME CAPSULE

March, 1953: CALCOIN NEWS was twelve pages in length. Four pages were devoted to the upcoming 12th CSNA Convention to be held at the Hotel Tioga, Merced. There was one article on "The Coins of Korea", a Who's Who column on Edward Fogler and a report from the Secretary/Treasurer. The activities of six member clubs were featured under "California Club News, Views and Whos". There were 372 CSNA members.

Winter, 1963: Now thirty-six pages in size, CALCOIN NEWS looked much like it does today. There were four numismatic articles, and lots of coverage of the 31st Convention in Long Beach. Club news had grown to five pages and sported the familiar heading "North & South of the Tehachapis". Also featured was a roster of Southern California Coin Clubs. CSNA membership was 693.

WINTER, 1973: Still approximately the same number of pages, CALCOIN NEWS was being received in the homes of 1,035 members. Annual dues were \$5.00 and Life Memberships cost \$100.00. Five articles covered varied topics including Colonial Coins of British America, The Cowrie Shell (A Treasured Form of Money), Collecting Coin Auction Catalogs, The Metric System and A CSNA Medal and PNC Cover Collection.

WINTER, 1983: A growing CSNA membership was now 1,562. Thirty-one new members joined during the Fall Quarter. Addresses of the new members included Illinois, Florida, Missouri, Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Taiwan as well as California.

WINTER, 1993: Membership dropped to 1,043. The official club magazine now included a list of officers, messages from the President and Editor, the Who's Who column featuring California Numismatists was still running, a program for the Spring Symposium was in the issue and an invitation to the 91st Convention in San Jose.

PAUL D. HOLTZMAN 1918-2002

Paul D. Holtzman, a CSNA member since 1980, died at his home in San Francisco on September 8. He was 84.

Born in Los Angeles on April 4, 1918, Paul had a wide-ranging academic career. He attended Erskine College, the University of Florida, Louisiana State University (BA, 1941), and the University of Southern California (Ph D, 1950).

He taught at San Francisco State, where he met Ingrid Pearson. They married in 1951, and they moved to New York, where Paul joined staff at Queens College. From 1957 to 1980, he was at Pennsylvania State University. Paul retired in 1980, and the Holtzmans returned to San Francisco.

It was here that his numismatic interests took off. Paul was well known among numismatists for his topical collection of birds on coins. His "birds" collection contained well over 800 species of birds of the world depicted on coins from dozens of nations. He often stated that several countries had him in mind when they issued a series with several new birds. He not only collected the coins, but he catalogued them with extensive details about the species depicted.

Paul also had a specialty collection of coins, tokens, and medals depicting
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"disembodied hands" which he collected to show the variety of non-verbal communication which could be accomplished with the human hand alone or in conjunction with other objects.

Paul's teaching and collecting, as well as his involvement in numismatic groups, focused on communication. He was the author of "The Psychology of Speakers' Audiences". He co-authored "Communicative Speaking and Listening" and "Communication Concepts and Models" and edited the "Journal of Communication"

Paul served CSNA's member club, the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, for many years as publisher of "The Journal of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society" which was started while he chaired the PCNS Publications Committee. He was president of PCNS, 1992-93, and served as a member of the Board of Governors for many years.

Paul was chair of the California Academy of Sciences Docent Council and a member of Pro Bono San Francisco.

Ingrid Holtzman predeceased Paul in 1999. Paul is survived by their son Douglas. He is also survived by three daughters, Maggie Parente, Marfa Levine, and Katie Turner, and their mother, Alice Levine.

Paul's generous work and his friendships will be remembered by his many friends. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Docent Education Fund, Development Department, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118.

CALCOINS NEWS thanks Stephen M. Huston for writing this memorial.

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In 2001, a California sports agent bought a \$5 bill that was issued in Wyoming before it became a state.

\$50,000 was paid for the bank note and it was purchased from the grand-daughter of George Montgomery "Monte Blue", a film actor whose credits included the silent film "Birth of a Nation" in 1915.

Dated September 13, 1886, the note was issued by First National Bank of Douglas, in the year that the town was founded. It features a portrait of President James Garfield, who was assassinated five years before it was issued. It bears serial number 1.

One of the two authorization signatures on the bill is that of the bank's president, DeForest Richards, who later served as governor of Wyoming from 1899-1903.

Federal banking records show that the bank issued 3,820 pieces of paper money in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills before Wyoming became a state in 1890.



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What's in a Name?

The Three Reigns of Antoninus Pius

By Stephen Huston
CSNA R3266

The Roman Empire had at least a hundred men and boys claim the title "Emperor" during the 500 years between Augustus in 31 BC and Augustulus in 476 AD. Most lasted only a few months to a year or two. However, between 138 and 222 AD, three emperors claiming the name "Antoninus Pius" controlled the Roman Empire for more than a third of that century. Only one of them is recognized by history as "Antoninus Pius" even though the coins of all three carry the name.

This often confuses the novice who may not recognize a ruler from his portrait alone, especially as the names by which history remembers the two later rulers do not appear on their coins.



ANTONINUS

The first Antoninus was adopted by Emperor Hadrian as his heir to the throne when Antoninus was in his 40s. The Roman Senate granted him the title "Pius" shortly after Hadrian's death in recognition of his loyalty to Hadrian's memory by

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lobbying the unsympathetic senate to deify Hadrian. He is the Antoninus Pius of the history books. That name and title appear on the bulk of his coins struck from 139 to 161.

This first Antoninus has been called one of the "good emperors." During his reign the empire prospered and was near its high water mark in wealth and territory. He inherited a vast empire and left it in good shape to hand-picked heirs after a mainly peaceful reign of over 20 years. More than 1800 years later, the favorable judgement of his contemporaries is still accepted. This is rare!

Antoninus' heirs ruled well enough, but they failed to plan for the empire's future. Within a few years the throne was up for grabs -- literally being sold by the military to the highest bidder. War among numerous claimants broke out, and the empire never regained the peace and prosperity of Antoninus' time.

Out of this chaotic period emerged Septimius Severus, a military commander who succeeded in establishing a dynasty which ruled Rome for most of the period from 193 to 235. To legitimize his rule, he claimed to be the heir of Antoninus Pius. That noble name was added to that of Severus' family.

Severus' eldest son took the name Antoninus when he was given his imperial titles in 195. While the names Antoninus and Antoninus Pius appear on his coins, he is known in the history books as Caracalla, a nickname taken from the Gallic cloak he regularly wore.

He fell far short of the glorious memory of his namesake.

Caracalla was not a good man. In addition to a failed attempt to kill his own father, he later had his brother Geta killed in front of their mother, making himself sole-ruler of the empire. His family problems were only the tip of the iceberg. He used trickery wherever possible to his advantage and eventually was trusted by no one. During a trip to Alexandria in Egypt, he ordered his troops to massacre the populace over insults Caracalla had endured from the city. Thousands were killed while Caracalla performed religious rites in honor of Serapis.



CARACALLA

Caracalla made a major change to Roman coinage which has carried the Antoninus name down to collectors in another context. In 215, he implemented a scheme to debase the coinage officially (he had been debasing the silver denarius already). He issued a new double-denarius coin which contained only 1.5 times as much silver as a denarius, reaping an instant 25% profit for his treasury. This unpopular coin carried his official name, Antoninus, and it became known as the "antoninianus" for that reason.

Caracalla's death in 217 left the empire at the mercy of several military leaders. After about a year, Caracalla's aunt made plans to elevate her 14-year-old grandson, Varius Avitus Bassianus,

to the imperial throne as a last-ditch effort for the family to regain control of the empire. This youth had been raised as a priest of the Syrian god "El-Gabal" and had no idea how to perform his new job.

To gain the military's support, the Severan women took him to the local commander's camp and declared that he was Caracalla's natural son. The military had been about the only segment of society which could stand Caracalla, but they were very loyal, so this fraudulent heir was promptly made emperor with the same official names used by Caracalla. However, Antoninus was not the name he wanted. He identified himself with the Syrian god he had been raised to serve, and Elagabalus is the name which has stuck, even though the name Antoninus appears on his coinage.



ELAGABALUS

Elagabalus lacked both the training and character to rule Rome. He brought eastern religious practices to Rome and behaved as though he was chief god of the empire. Roman traditions were ignored, and his whims became law. His religious practices were considered outrageous by the Romans, as were his five marriages and other less-acceptable liaisons which kept him busy from age 14 to 18. His own relatives finally decided they'd had enough and paid the imperial guard to dispose of him in favor of a

younger cousin of more reliable character.

The name Antoninus Pius had become symbolic of the greatness of the empire under the first Antoninus. The later claimants to his name wanted the legitimacy and popularity they hoped it would bring. The judgement of history has found neither Caracalla nor Elagabalus worthy of the Antoninus name. Still, "Antoninus Pius" appears on the coins of all three, leaving collectors the task of identifying their portraits and choice of design types to differentiate these very different emperors.

Suggested Reading

The Roman Emperors by Michael Grant, Charles Scribner's Sons 1985

The Young Emperors by George C. Brauer, Thomas Y. Crowell Co. 1967

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Stephen Huston has been a member of CSNA for 26 years. He has been a dealer specializing in ancient coins since 1979. He served as an officer in CSNA for many years and has written for Calcoin News previously. He is currently on the Board of Governors of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in San Francisco.

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YOUTH CORNER

Some few years ago, on a whim, I began to share my passion for coins and my collections with the students at Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville where I am employed. In particular, I shared with Seniors who are required to take a semester of Economics. What began as just something to 'fill-in' has progressed into an all-day, all six-periods, for two full school days, event. I have displayed anything numismatic from Yap Stone Money, to Confederate Currency, gold coins, Katanga Crosses, tokens, old stocks and bonds, et cetera.

The talks have evolved into an actual lesson, complete with worksheet and questions to answer. It has become something the students anticipate and tell others about. Something that underclass students look forward to.

Speaking in this venue is a most productive and positive way to promote the coin hobby, while doing some serious educating. It requires much in preparation time and energy. Lecturing all six periods, before as many as a hundred or more students each session, Freshman through Seniors, does drain one's voice and strength. But, it is fun!

Kids come-up with questions, look at the Allstate cases, ask to handle the Yap stone, or want a particular country from the junk foreign which I regularly give away. In the process economics is taught.

Anyone interested in learning more about this "What is Money?" presentation may write me at P. O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590-0410 or contact me at stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.k12.ca.us.

Within some restrictions, I have been granted permission and release time to travel to other schools to present "What is Money?" In addition, if someone would enjoy attending this talk, as it is actually given before a room full of high-schoolers, they would be warmly welcomed.*

The key elements for the continued success of this presentation, now given over seven years, are the displays and variety of numismatics shared and shown. The students have more than just pictures in a text book or a dry lecture.

As a side bar, during the Summer of 2001, a counselor at the high school had the opportunity to travel and visit the famous Yap Island, where he photographed Yap Stones and even posted my name on the second largest.

"What is Money?" can easily be copied and adapted for other school or youth groups. Inquiries and questions are welcome, encouraged and would be enjoyed.

Michael S. Turrini
Youth Numismatis
Coordinator

*This past years presentation was held December 16 and 17 at the Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville. Contact the author for future dates and other particulars.

I LOVE A NUMISMATIC MYSTERY!

By Ruth M. Phillips
CSNA LM 22-3

As an exonumist, I just love little pieces of interesting exonumia that occasionally fall into my hands. This happened recently when one of my vest-pocket dealer friends handed me a small copper medal the size of an Indian Head Cent and asked, "what is this and how much is it worth?" I am truly amazed at what people think I know about all things numismatic, simply because I am an officer in a state association!

I looked at the interesting medal and had never seen anything like it so I told him the truth and said, "I haven't a clue to what it is, but I want it. Is it for sale?" I told him I would research it and let him know what it was worth and pay him that price. He agreed and we shook hands on the deal. He gave me the medal and thus began my quest to solve the "mystery of the medal."

As I stated earlier, it is the exact size of an Indian Head Cent and was probably struck on a blank copper cent planchet. One of the things that caught my eye was the vine-like design on the outer edge of both sides of the medal. It was beautifully tooled and very attractive. On one side of the medal, inside the vine-like design, was the Lord's Prayer. What was printed on the other side of the medal, however, was what both puzzled and intrigued me. This is what was printed on the other side: STRUCK IN THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, PHILA., ON THE FIRST STEAM COINING PRESS USED BY THE U. S. MINT. 1877.

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What could this possibly be?

I know quite a few medal "experts" so I decided to make a few telephone calls to them to find out what I had. No one could give an answer as to what it was but they all said that medals of this type usually sold for around \$15.00. I have no idea where they came up with this price, so I told my friend that I would pay him that amount if he wanted to sell it and he sold it to me.

I've shown the medal to quite a few people and all agree that it is very interesting, but no one knew what it was. However, one of them asked if had I looked it up on the Internet. I've heard that you can find almost anything on the Internet but never believed it until now! I tried all kinds of inquiries relating to the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, but got no information on the medal. I had just about given up when I asked for information on Steam Coining Press. And "BINGO," I had the answer to what I was looking for.

This is what I found out.....

The first steam powered coining press to be used at the United States Mint in Philadelphia was invented in France in 1833 by a Frenchman named Thonnelier. It was operated by steam where earlier presses were operated by hand. Philadelphian's Merrick, Agnew and Tyler imported the press in 1836 and when it arrived, Franklin Peale of the United States Mint, modified it to the mints specifications. The press was first operated on March 22, 1836. Robert Maskell Patterson, the Director of the Philadelphia Mint from 1835 to 1851, wrote the following report to President Andrew Jackson in 1837:

"On March 23, 1836, the first steam coinage in America was executed at this Mint and the performance of the press, in which the power of the lever is

substituted for that of the screw, has answered all our expectations. Since that time, all the copper coins have been struck on this press, and it has been lately used with success for coining half-dollars. The workmen are now engaged in making other steam presses and as these are completed, coining by human labor will be abandoned and the work that can be executed in the Mint will be greatly increased."

The press uses a "toggle joint," a special type of link mechanism which yields great pressure, and produced 100 coins per minute. David Gilbert remodeled the coining press in 1858, but it was removed from service in 1875 when George B. Soley purchased it as an "historic relic." Mr. Soley was a diesinker and maintained a shop on Chestnut Street in Philadelphia. For the next 30 years, he exhibited it for his own and the public's benefit, following the "fair circuit," throughout the nation.

In 1876, Soley displayed the press at the Centennial Exposition and used it to strike the Centennial medal that I have. In 1883, it appeared at the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Southern Exposition in Louisville. In 1893, Soley exhibited the coining press at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, then in Buffalo for the Pan-American Exposition in 1901, and the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904. At these events, he struck small 13mm medalets usually with an official logo on one side and the "Lord's Prayer" on the other, which he sold for a quarter. AND SO MY NUMISMATIC MYSTERY WAS SOLVED!

The Franklin Institute purchased the coining press from Mrs. George B. Soley in 1927, reconditioned and motorized it, and moved it to its

Science Museum in 1933 where it was used to strike aluminum tokens for visitors.



Mystery Medal
(Enlarged to show detail)



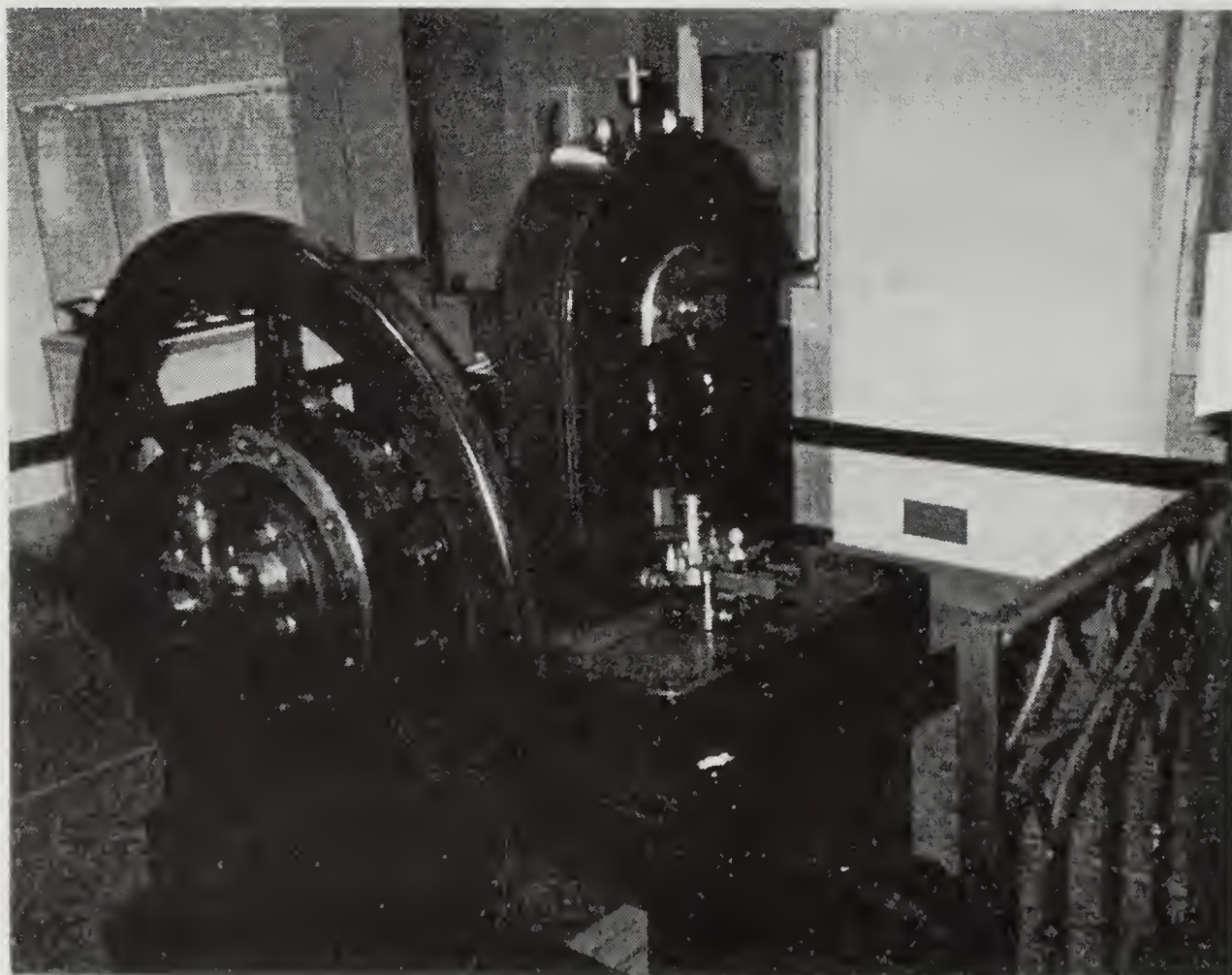
On March 22, 2000, The Franklin Institute celebrated the 164th anniversary of the first strikings on this press. It was moved from the first floor of the Museum to the Rotunda, where commemorative medals were struck to celebrate the anniversary event.

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) is very interested in this press, as it is one of the truly historic gems of the numismatic world. In August of 2000, the press appeared at a special exhibit at the ANA Convention in Philadelphia. The Franklin Institute has since loaned the coining press to the ANA for a period of five years for exhibit at the ANA Museum in Colorado Springs, CO, who is striking commemorative medals on it for visitors to the Museum.

I am indebted to my friend, Cameron Kiefer, who recently attended the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, and brought me a picture of the coining press as it stands today in the Museum and a sample of the current commemorative medal.



This article is the result of my curiosity and has been a truly educational experience. When you find something that piques your interest, run with it! You never know where the journey will lead you or what you will learn on the way.



SHOWCASE: SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB

The Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) will celebrate its Twentieth (20th) birthday this year! The Club was founded in 1983 by the late Ruben Lee "Lucky" Williams known as the King of Silver Rounds.

Mr. Williams was murdered in the robbery of his coin shop, Golden Hills Coin Exchange in Vacaville, California on November 1, 1986. His alleged murderer was arrested in Alaska on August 13, 1990. He had been traced through the transfer of his children's school records and from property belonging to Mr. Williams that was found in a rented storage locker in Washington State. He was also wanted for questioning in a dozen other coin shop robberies. This suspect died in his Alaska jail cell on October 30, 1990 of a heart attack while awaiting extradition to Montana for a similar coin shop robbery and double murder.

The SSRC almost folded at that time because many of the local members were severely shaken by 'Lucky's' untimely death and subsequent events. Thanks to the efforts of Michael Turrini, currently the Club's President, the SSRC survived as a tribute to "Lucky" Williams.

The Solano Silver Round Club is unique in that the members believe it is the only club in existence that is solely dedicated to the "Collecting of Silver Rounds". The main purpose of the club is to promote interest in the collecting of 'Silver Rounds' and to promote new issues. Should your club be issuing a medal. The SSRC would

be very happy to promote it in their newsletter. The charge for this service is absolutely nothing, it's FREE. Members also receive free personal ads. So if you are looking for that certain medal that you have been unable to find, let the SSRC help you in your search.

The SSRC also promotes the designing of silver rounds and issues at least one every year. As an example, in 1995, they completed a seven year series of medals commemorating the 50th Anniversary of World War II, striking a medal for each year starting with 1939 (1989) and ending with two two medals each for 1944 (1994) and 1945 (1995). Recently member Dennis R. Lotspeich designed the 2002 medal 'Theodore Roosevelt—Rough Rider'. The final mintage, based on pre-ordered medals was 59.

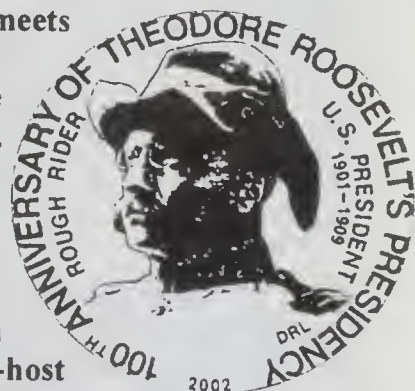
The Solano Silver Round Club meets

On the second
Thursday of the
month at J. J.
North's Grand
Buffet Banquet
Room. Solano
Mall, #d2 1315
Gateway Blvd in

Fairfield. No-host
Dinner begins at

6P.M.. Meeting starts at 7P.M. sharp. Each month's meeting consists of "Show & Tell", business meeting, monthly raffle for 'silver rounds' and a membership drawing. The group has also held meetings in conjunction with area Coin Shows.

The Club issues a monthly newsletter, "Silver Notes" edited by Jan Henke. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Information may be obtained by writing the Solano Silver Round Club, P. O. Box 3518, Fairfield, CA., 94533-0518.



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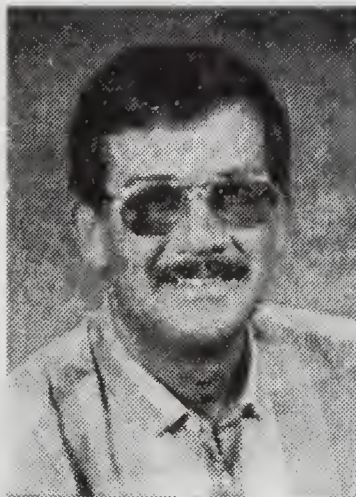
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Hello! First and foremost, let me write and express my warmest well-wishes and sincere salutations to Theresa M. Lund, now retiring Editor for our quarterly, CALCOIN NEWS, and hope the best for her as she passes and progresses into other things. Let me state the same for the Publisher, Jeff Shevlin, who is also retiring with this issue. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve these two, and all CSNA should be most complimentary of their tireless and devoted effort and energy given these past years. They have served CSNA with Honor! Good Luck, Good-Bye, and God Bless always!

Someone once inquired as to the order that these 'North' reports are published in each issue. Well, it is random or better-still, 'hit-and-miss'. It begins with whatever local coin club, your Assistant Editor first finds in the newsletter binder. Of course the Editor may rearrange in order to best utilize space.

DELTA COIN CLUB reported that DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR., attended its September meeting and presented his "Weakest Link", a numismatic program derived from the popular television program. Fielding questions on the State Quarters, the initial five person panel ended with
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DAWN GRIEP the winner. Among the first to go was DOUG DANIELS. Sorry Doug! Once again RUBEN SMITH, III, was the winner in the Club's annual medal contest with his Pacific Window Glass Company design.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard an outstanding speaker in October when RICHARD KELLEY gave a slide presentation on "The Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE)". His program included displays of the pavilions, exhibits and discussion of the historical events related to the Exposition, commonly called Treasure Island Fair. Regretfully, I was unable to attend this exemplary program on one of my collecting passions.

The PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY hosted the CSNA 3rd Annual Northern Symposium in October. PCNS members provided much time and effort in making this one day event a success. Specific thanks go to MICHAEL WEHNER, GORDON DONNELL, SARAH NORDIN and HERB MILES. President MICHAEL WEHNER provided a program titled "Video Game Tokens" at the regular PCNS meeting. Rumor has it that he is writing a grading and condition catalog for these collectibles.

In the recent GATEWAY COIN CLUB bulletin COINNECTIONS, there appeared the following: "Roses are Red....and Violets are Blue...Rocky need lots...and he needs these from you! Lots of what? Tender, loving care. YES! But, he also needs Lots of COINS, or rather Coin Lots". This is Prize Buyer, ROCKY ROCCIOLA's appeal for the GCC members to provide coins for meeting prizes. KUDOS to a GCC Youth member. It was reported that a newspaper column on the teen/youth page of the *Merced Sun Star* had been authored by Junior Club Member, TANDREA BLAKE. Very nice work! Tandra is the daughter of current GCC President CRAIG BLAKE. JOEL ANDERSON spoke at a recent meeting on the "Value of Women": a fascinating, sobering, historical glance at "buying a bride".

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB heard MICHAEL S. TURRINI give his newest talk, "Tools of the Trade" at its September meeting. Michael collects anything and everything and belongs to over 100 organizations. What does he feel you need for this hobby? A stapler, pliers, a supply of 2X2 holders, a 10 or 20 power magnifier, log book, grading guide etc. etc. etc. This program shared good suggestions for both an experienced and novice coin hobbyist.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB recently had two good programs. The first was "Other Hobbies Night". Participating were DON EHLERS (Post Cards); DON BARS (Genealogy of the Barsi Family); GWEN STANFORD (Porcelaine Boxes); BRITTA EHLERS (Toothpick Holders); GARY ACQUISTAPACE (Casino Slot Cards, Hotel Key Cards. Phone and Debit Cards); LARRY BENSON (Ceramic Flower Frog Collection); ED SINS (Electric Trains);

ALLAN FRENCH (1/10th Scale Railroading); AL LO (Hot August Nights Casino Chips); and RYAN JOHNSON (Star Wars). The other meeting featured JOHN SARTI speaking on "Coin Varieties". John's talk was informative and entertaining and everyone came away knowing more than when they went to the meeting.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB has returned to its old meeting site at North County Corporate Yard, 5026 Don Julio Boulevard, corner of Elkhorn in Sacramento. (This is the former SMUD Building). The return was achieved by SVCC member BOB SHANKS. The club wants everyone to know that they have a new site for their 2003 Coin Show. See KEY DATES.

The FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY holds an annual White Elephant Auction which raises funds for purchasing the silver prizes to be given out at the Coin Show Drawing. A lot of folks went home with treasures from 'pies to pennies'. Thanks goes to RANDY CLIFTON for acting as the auctioneer. He did a splendid job in drawing out the best bids for each item. Special thanks to FNS members and guests for making those generous bids! The items donated were really great stuff and it is no wonder that this was their most successful white elephant auction ever. At this same meeting, the top drawing prize was an 1893S Quarter Eagle won by the Society's newest member, WILLIAM JONES.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB writes that the club's Annual September Fest was enjoyed by forty-eight happy members and guests. As promised, Chair RAY NIBLETT, provided delicious Togo sandwiches, chips, dips and drinks. KATHERINE RAY

brought the potato salad, chocolate cake and her world famous deviled eggs. Other members provided cookies, cakes, pastries and ice cream to cap an evening of partying! A great time was had by all! Special thanks go to members AL LO, , SALLY JOHNSON, KATHERINE RAY and RAY NIBLETT for their services as servers and clean up crew. AL LO has returned temporarily as the Editor of *The Coin Press* . STACY OOMS has been compelled, due to her Father's health to resign as Editor. She says " I have found it to be a very fun and highly rewarding experience. Hopefully, I will be able to resume my role as Editor in the future". Thanks and Best Wishes Stacy!

The SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB had to cancel its October meeting due to the Giants being in the World Series... and a combination of other factors. This club is struggling to survive and an appeal to any and all former members is made. PLEASE CONSIDER REJOINING AND RENEWING Write to P. P. Box 880994, San Francisco, CA 94188-0994. The club heard MICHAEL S. TURRINI and MARK W. CLARK, who doubles as the club's *Two Cents* Editor, speak on their numismatic travels in Summer 2002. Both expounded on the theme "Expand your horizons and attend a major convention sponsored by a national organization. It may cost you more to attend one of these national gatherings; but what you will experience in friendship and knowledge far out-weighs the investment."

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY has had good programs in recent months. MICHAEL S. TURRINI and MICHAEL M. STANLEY spoke on their travels to both the American Numismatic Association and Canadian Numismatic Association Conventions in July and August, 2002. Next JAMES LAIRD gave
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a review of "Gaming and Casino Tokens". Everyone in attendance was given (free) a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) gaming chip. There was also a free drawing for a Mills slot machine which was won by visitor Admiral JOHN McCain. The 50/50, broke a record, took in \$122.00 and was won by another visitor BILL CUMMINGS. Bill joined the Society that very night. MICHAEL S. TURRINI also spoke at the October meeting on "Tools of the Trade". The DNS reports that MICHAEL J. FIORE and MARK CLARKSON will share their expertise in November at the Club's Annual Paper Money-Fest.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB has elected new officers. They are RASHA C. ROBINSON (President); ROBERT SAMUEL (Vice-President); LLOYD SOLOMOM (Recording Secretary); GINNY RAMCZYK (Corresponding Secretary) and HAL DEBOARD (Treasurer). The SCCC has a website

VISALIA COIN CLUB heard DENNIS OLSWANG speak on "Sudan:The Seige of Khartoum" It should be noted that Dennis has been among the most invited and frequent local coin club speakers. His program was very interesting and enjoyed by everyone. HAROLD NAST, a "dancing neighbor," stopped in to show off a prized Irish Coin that he was most proud of.

FREMONT COIN CLUB heard JOHN RUSSELL and BOB WESTLAND, from the Diablo Metal Detecting Club speak in September. This duo has assisted the Concord Police Department locate items. FCC's own member SAM MODRALL participated in one such search and found a gun. Members have found silver and gold coins on a vacant lot where a house was razed. \$80,000 in

silver coins were found in the Placerville area. They have also found rings and various jewelry items. Both have been searching in Great Britain, where one found a 330 year old coin. On the same trip, the forty searchers found silver coins, a 300 year old sheep bell and a broken leg from an ancient Roman cooking pot, indicating a possible Roman Army camp site. A most interesting program.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB

listened to GORDON R. DONNELL speak on "History of Wooden Money" in September. STEVEN KRAMER, who is the LVCC's newsletter Editor noted, "I never knew so many types existed." Information on the LVCC may be obtained from stampman46@aol.com.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB has created paid Life Memberships and the first four are RICHARD DOUGLAS, FRED G. van den HAAK, DR. DONALD H. KAGIN and GORDON R. DONNELL. MICHAEL S. TURRINI presented "Counting Us" at a recent meeting. This program found that among the twelve members present, there was an average of 32.4 years in the hobby with an average PCC membership of 18.5 years. The extremes in years in the hobby ranged from less than a year to over seventy years. Membership ranged from a high of 47 years to under one year. Every person attending, save one, had an interest in U. S. coinage. Many statistics of those present were compiled and printed in the club's newsletter.

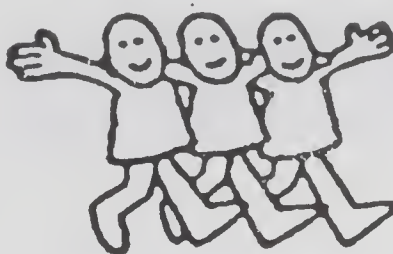
VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

says that the bourse is sold out for their May 4, 2003 show. In a record 11 days, from the initial mailing, Bourse Coordinator MIKE STANLEY had to establish a waiting list. The Societies newest Service Medal honoree, #12, was bestowed upon DR. WALTER A.

OSTROMECKI, JR. last September when VNS and the REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB jointly held "Wells Fargo Night". All living Service Medal honorees were present: MICHAEL S. TURRINI, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, JAN D. HENKE, DR. HOWARD C. LONSDALE, WILLIAM F. BARTZ, JOSEPH R. SIROIS and DR. RODNEY W. BAKER.

As this issue of CALCOIN NEWS is being printed, the FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB and its neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, will be finishing final preparations for their annual joint Christmas Party at Fairfield's Anheuser-Busch Brewery. JOHN (ANA President) and NANCY WILSON will be the Emcees. The FCC recently honored DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, twice. They bestowed the esteemed RICH NEILY MEMORIAL AWARD and granted the third-only Life Membership. Dr. Ostromecki served as emcee for the aforementioned "Wells Fargo Night" and set up the Youth Table at the Fairfield Coin Show.

The year 2003 marks the Twentieth Anniversary of the SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB. All former members are asked to contact P. O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410 or e-mail to EMPERORI@juno.com. This club is always willing to include announcements and order forms for any local club's medal issues, at no charge. The SSRC strives to promote club medal issues. Contact *Silver Notes* Editor JAN D. HENKE at P. O. Box 3518, Fairfield, CA 94533-0518.



THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

August 27, 2002
Through
November 5, 2002

Well, we have finally closed the book on this past spring's shocking dues non-renewal saga!

Out of 289 renewal notices that were originally mailed in February, 96 had not responded by early August and were sent second notices. Of those, more than two-thirds have not responded as I write this in early-November.

No matter how you look at it, this is sobering stuff. For whatever reasons, nearly one-fourth of all our fellow coin collectors who were sent dues notices in 2002 chose not to renew their membership.

Dues notices for 2003 will already have been mailed as you read this issue of CALCOIN NEWS. Let's hope the response rate is dramatically better this time. As always, please encourage your fellow CSNA members to renew their membership.

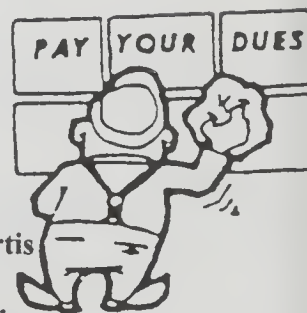
Thanks and congratulations to Member Phil Iversen, whose continued efforts at spreading the word about CSNA accounted for seven of the nine new members that we welcome in this issue. Keep it up, Phil!

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NEW MEMBERS:

- R-5970 Greg Burns
Upland, CA
- R-5971 Dolores Sauls
Modesto, CA
- R-5972 Jack DeAngelis
Irvine, CA
- R-5973 Robert G. Amador
Nevada City, CA
- R-5974 David C. Spencer
Penn Valley, CA
- R-5975 Glenn Stephenson
Richmond, CA
- A-5976 Karen Stephenson
Richmond, CA
- R-5977 Les Crane
Vacaville, CA
- R-5978 Michael Hembree Sr.
El Sobrante, CA



REINSTATED:

- R-1901 Carson Curtis
Hemet, CA
- R-3244 Chet Taylor
Long Beach, CA
- R-2663 Ruth M. Mitchell
Fullerton, CA
- R-5832 Quoc Nguyen
San Diego, CA
- R-5663 Cynthia Mohon
Irvine, CA
- R-2403 Paul E. Engstrom
La Habra, CA
- R-5637 George L. West
Las Flores, CA
- R-5504 D.B. Blaney
Sebastopol, CA
- R-3507 James Walser
Covina, CA
- R-3393 Donald P. Lynch
San Jose, CA
- R-5676 Gary E. Lewis
Cape Coral, FL
- R-5039 Alfredo C. Cantoria
Mangilao, Guam
- R-5869 Cameron Kiefer
Visalia, CA
- R-5850 Terry Ireland
Hemet, CA
- R-5687 Dr. De Whayne Gallups
Anaheim Hills, CA

DECEASED:

L-19-05 Ethyl Lenhart
Sacramento, CA
R-4150 Paul D. Holtzman
San Francisco, CA

NEW ADDRESS:

L-27-04 Richard Smith
now in Oakland, CA
R-2663 Ruth M. Mitchell
now in Fullerton, CA
R-3507 James Walser
now in Covina, CA

CLUB NAME CHANGE:

C-4699 Litton Coin Club
is now
Northrop Grumman Coin Club

LOST CONTACT/need new address:

R-5885 John R. Donnelly
last known in Montrose, CA
R-4209 Melvin L. Tillman
last known in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

CORRECT/Dropped in Error:

C-117 Bay Cities Coin Club
C-1584 Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin
Club
C-1126 Society for International
Numismatics
C-5845 Stanislaus County Coin Club

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Membership on	
August 26, 2002:	509
New Members:	9
Reinstatements:	15
Deceased:	2
"Lost" members	
(need new address):	2
Membership on	
May 5, 2002:	529

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BAY CITIES COIN CLUB honored the many who were killed, and the families and friends of those loved ones lost, with a special program last September. Entitled "Numismatically New York" members were encouraged to bring in any items with a New York theme. The library where the club has been meeting is closing for demolition and rebuilding so they are looking for a new meeting site. The October meeting was held at the home of **MAX WEDERTZ**. The topic was "Animals on Coins".

COINEERS COIN CLUB heard **KAY LENKER** discuss "Odd and Primitive Money" last August. In September and October, they viewed a video on "Grading Mint State US Coins". Plans are progressing for a gala celebration of the club's 50th anniversary in January 2003.

COVINA COIN CLUB mourned the death of one of their most active members, **ETHEL LENHERT**. In August, **MATT MILLER** gave a talk on "Pre-Dominion Canadian Coins". **TOM FITZGERALD** spoke on "Numismatic Memories of September 11" in September. His talk featured items from all over the world. October was "Pie Month" and



LLOYD BEAUCHAINE spoke on "Roman Coins". The Club purchased "Red Books" for sale to the members.

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS held their semi-annual "Mini Super Auction" in August. Most of the 100 lots sold. **MANNY CASTRO** spoke on "Foreign Coins" in September. October was "NONA MOORE DISPLAY NIGHT". Members bring in their displays and all vote on their favorites. An award is presented the winner at the December Potluck. A "White Elephant Auction" was held in November.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB heard **JEFF STAHL** give an impressive talk on "Mexican Paper Money" in August. **MARK BASKIN** spoke on "Paper Currency" in September. His talk focused on how our nation transitioned from a 'hard' currency to the total acceptance of our current small size paper money. **MIKE ONTKO** presented a program on the exciting South American country of "Chile" in October. This was an illustrated talk with maps and slides of the coinage of Chile.

RUTHANN BRETELL was the guest of the **HEARTLAND COIN CLUB** in August. She provided **CORAL ROSEBERRY** and **COLE**

SCHENEWERKS with Junior Memberships in ANA. Ruthann was impressed with the "Coins For Kids" table at the Golden State Coin Show run by NANCEE & DAVID NICHOLS. The Christmas Dinner was held at the New Frontier Mobile Home Park on the regular December meeting night.

HEMET COIN CLUB held their annual ice cream social in September. TOM FITZGERALD spoke on "The Numismatic Memories of September 11". Hemet is another club that orders Red Books in bulk resulting in savings to their members. October was a "White Elephant Sale" The Christmas luncheon was held at "Hometown Buffet" with officer installation and Revenue Chairman DON DOSKOCIL's famous give-a-ways.

The INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO featured Russia and the Former Soviet Union recently. October's focus was "India and South Asia", with "The Euro" as the topic for November. No meeting was held in December as the regular meeting night fell on Christmas.

MARK BASKIN spoke on "Error Coins" before the LONG BEACH COIN CLUB in September. G. LEE KUNTZ presented a film on the 1958 ANA Convention in Los Angeles for the October meeting. AL HOOGEVEEN gave a "Tour of the Utrecht Mint (Netherlands) in November. The club is working on nominations for officers for 2003-2004 and a banquet is in the works.

OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB heard ED ARGELANDER in August. Ed spoke on "Egyptian Coins". A very successful show was held in October with an overflow of dealers.

The LITTON COIN CLUB has a new

Name! The club is now know as the NORTHROP-GRUMMAN COIN CLUB. In September the group heard TOM FITZGERALD speak on "Numismatic Memories of September 11". In October, PHIL IVERSEN gave his program on the "Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus" showing numismatic items associated with this 'greatest show on earth'. The program for November was "Going to an Auction". Members were told that they could leave their checkbook at home and would have the opportunity to peruse some of the wonderful auction catalogs that are produced today.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB heard MARK MULLINS in September. Mark discussed his latest collection of "Undraped Banknotes". A "Super Auction" was held in October with the best selling items being Proof and Mint Sets. The Nominating Committee presented a full slate of officers and an election was held in December.

REX SALMON presented "Making Cents of Eggs" to the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. Rex illustrated how we have progressed from a cashless society through hard money and back to a cashless society. LARRY BABER spoke on "Orders and Medals of Bulgaria" in October. JIM HUNT discussed "Private Gold Coinage of California" in November. December featured a spaghetti dinner and donation auction.

UPLAND COIN CLUB heard about "Roman Coins" in August, as LLOYD BEAUCHAINE spoke. September was "Other Hobby Night" with members sharing some of their other interests. No program was scheduled for October.



WHITTIER COIN CLUB celebrated its 43rd anniversary with a dinner meeting at Denny's in La Habra. **MARK BASKIN** gave a presentation on the "History of Currency" in October. Club dues have been increased to \$7 for mailed copies of the newsletter *The Proof Sheet*. Members who want e-mail pay \$5 per year. Life members receive the newsletter by mail at no charge. In November, **ALEX SHAGIN** delivered a talk entitled "The Art of Making Coins and Medals".

PHIL IVERSEN spoke at the **CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY** meeting during the Golden State Coin Show. Phil's slide presentation on "P. T. Barnum, Ringling Brothers Scrip" was very well received. At the CSNA Symposium in Northern California, three of the four speakers lectured on exonumia. See report beginning on page 12 for more details. "Exonumia" has been well represented.

MEDAL HONORS AMERICAN HERO

Shortly after Medal of Honor winner Leopold Karpeles died in 1909, his precious medal was lost in a fire. His family has been unable to replace it, but this year the hero's great-granddaughter Joyce Blackman will be presented with a special commemorative medal made in honor of Karpeles' bravery. The medal depicts the only color-bearer to stand his ground in the May, 1864 Wilderness Campaign. Color

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Sergeant Leopold Karpeles is shown marching in an inspired manner with his flag waving proudly. He rallied the men of the 57th Massachusetts Regiment and was instrumental in reversing the tide of a critical battle, that is considered as a turning point of the Civil War. Limited editions of this historic medal are being made available to the public.

The reverse design features an excerpt of a letter, in President Lincoln's own handwriting, written on May 13, 1862, acknowledging the prayers of Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia for the Union cause. Alongside is a prayer shawl (tallit), similar to those used by Jewish soldiers fighting in the war.

The Leopold Karpeles medals are over 2" diameter and weigh approximately 2 ½ ounces. No more than 999 bronze, 499 pure silver and 49 10kt gold, individually serial numbered medals will be issued by the non-profit Jewish-American Hall of Fame. The medals are priced at \$35, \$95 and \$895 respectively, plus shipping. They can be ordered via credit card by calling (800) 472-6327.

Leopold Karpeles, born in Prague, Bohemia in 1838, emigrated with his older brother Emil to Galveston, Texas at the age of 11. He became an expert rider, and eventually one of the youngest members of the Texas Rangers. Leopold was outspoken about his anti-slavery views, which differed dramatically from his brother. Leopold moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he subsequently enlisted in the Union Army as a flag-bearer.

In the spring of 1864, after Karpeles recovered from nearly total paralysis due to multiple bullet wounds, he was appointed to the Commerce and Post Office Departments. He was one of the

six founders of the Medal of Honor Legion, and was a major figure in the Grand Army of the Republic which supported veteran causes.

Leopold Karpeles died in February, 1909 and was buried in the cemetery of the Hebrew Congregation in Washington. His tombstone is unique, with a replica of the Congressional Medal of Honor emblazoned on its granite surface.

The Leopold Karpeles medal was created by award-winning California artist Alex

Shagin, whose previous work includes a series of 12 medals depicting scenes from the Civil War ranging from the firing on Fort Sumter to the surrender of General Robert E. Lee.

This Press Release was provided by Mel Wacks, Director of the Jewish-American Hall of Fame, 5189 Jeffdale Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. The Hall of Fame is a Division of the American-Jewish Historical Society.

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Chinese Join The California Gold Rush

By Joel Anderson, General Chairman,

The 112th CSNA convention medal honors the Chinese who joined the California gold rush. The medal design was a joint effort between Joyce Kuntz, Joel Anderson and Lila Anderson. It is based on an 1850's illustration of Chinese miners by Charles Christian Nahl.

As reports of the discovery of gold in California in 1848 filtered into China, thousands of Chinese left home on a miserable two-month journey by ship across the ocean for "Gum Shan", the "Gold Mountain". The Chinese population in California soared from less than 100 in 1848 to over 25,000 in 1852, making them the largest group of foreigners in the mining region.

Some Chinese brought coins from their native country. Though silver coins from other nations were often accepted during the gold rush era due to the scarcity of small change, the brass "cash" coins of China were not. Discovering the coins could not be spent, they were used extensively for gambling purposes. Hoards of these Chinese cash coins are even now regularly found throughout California.

The Chinese usually worked and lived in communal camps. They were efficient and hard working miners, managing to get gold out of claims that other miners had abandoned as unprofitable. This success bred resentment and discrimination against the Chinese. Many were abused or physically attacked. Some had their long, braided queues cut off. The state government levied a foreign miners tax of \$20 a month payable by every foreign miner. Though many foreign miners refused to pay the tax and left the state, most Chinese stayed. Most either continued mining or moved to cities and started small businesses such as laundries or restaurants.

By the 1860's the mines were playing out. Some Chinese miners returned to their home country, with their gold cleverly disguised as sooty woks or cooking utensils. Others found work building the railroads that would criss-cross the state and eventually connect it with the rest of the nation. The hard work and "can do" spirit of these early Chinese immigrants added much to our California heritage.

CSNA 112th SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION - SAN JOSE

The CSNA 112th Annual Convention promises to be fun and exciting. The convention will run from Friday January 17 to Sunday January 19 and will be at Parkside Hall, 180 Park Ave., next to the Tech Museum in Downtown San Jose. The convention will be held in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club's 35th Annual Coin Show. Approximately 150 dealers are expected, so there should be LOTS of coins to choose from. Show activities include a treasure hunt for the kids on Saturday, an author's reception for Don Barsi and his new book *Exonumia of CSNA*, plus meetings and speakers from various numismatic organizations. CSNA will host an educational forum featuring a presentation by long-time hobbiest and outgoing ANA Executive Director Ed Rochette. Get there early as a free token will be given to the first 300 visitors each day. Stay for the Convention banquet to be held at Original Joe's, one of San Jose's landmarks. See you in San Jose!

EXHIBITS: Exhibit applications are available from the San Jose Coin Club Box 5621 San Jose, CA 95150, sjcoinshow@aol.com or from Don Foster 626-447-9483.

HOTELS: Host Hotel: Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn, 282 Almaden Blvd. Next to convention center. Book early and ask for the special Coin Show rate of \$89.

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TRANSIT: The San Jose Trolley (Light Rail) stops next to the Convention Center.

PRELIMINARY SCHUDULE OF EVENTS:

Thurs. Jan. 16 Dealers Setup 2PM - 7PM

Fri, Jan. 17

3:00 PM

Show Hours: 10:00 AM - 6:00PM

Reception for Don Barsi and his book *Exonumia of CSNA*

Sat. Jan. 18

8:30AM

11:00AM - 3:00PM

11:00 AM

1:00PM

Show Hours: 10:00AM - 6:00PM

CSNA Open Board Meeting

Baja Treasure Hunt for Youth

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California Exonumists Society meeting

Speaker: Walter A. Ostromecki Jr. on

"PNC's Philatelic/Numismatic Covers"

3:00PM

CSNA Educational Forum, Speaker: Ed Rochette

"The Monies of the Lost Colonies of California"

6:00 PM

CSNA Convention Banquet at Original Joe's 301 S. First St.

6:00 PM No host cocktails

6:30PM Dinner & Program

Sun. Jan. 19

8:30AM

3:00 PM

Show Hours 10:00AM - 4:00PM

CSNA President's Breakfast Meeting, Holiday Inn

Exhibits Awards

3:30 PM

Gold Coin Raffle Drawing

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CSNA 112th CONVENTION BANQUET

The CSNA 112th Convention Banquet will be held at Original Joe's on Saturday January 18. No host cocktails begin at 6:00PM and the dinner and program is at 6:30PM. Original Joe's is located about two blocks from the convention center at 301 S. First St.. It is one of San Jose's oldest and most popular restaurants and is famous for its homestyle Italian cooking. Ed Rochette, Executive Director of the American Numismatic Association will be the Master of Ceremonies. Each banquet ticket is printed on actual foreign currency and comes with a limited edition aluminum off-metal strike of the convention medal. It promises to be an evening of delicious food, fun and fellowship that will include some unique entertainment. Because of space limitations, seating will be limited to only about 50 guests, so please reserve early.

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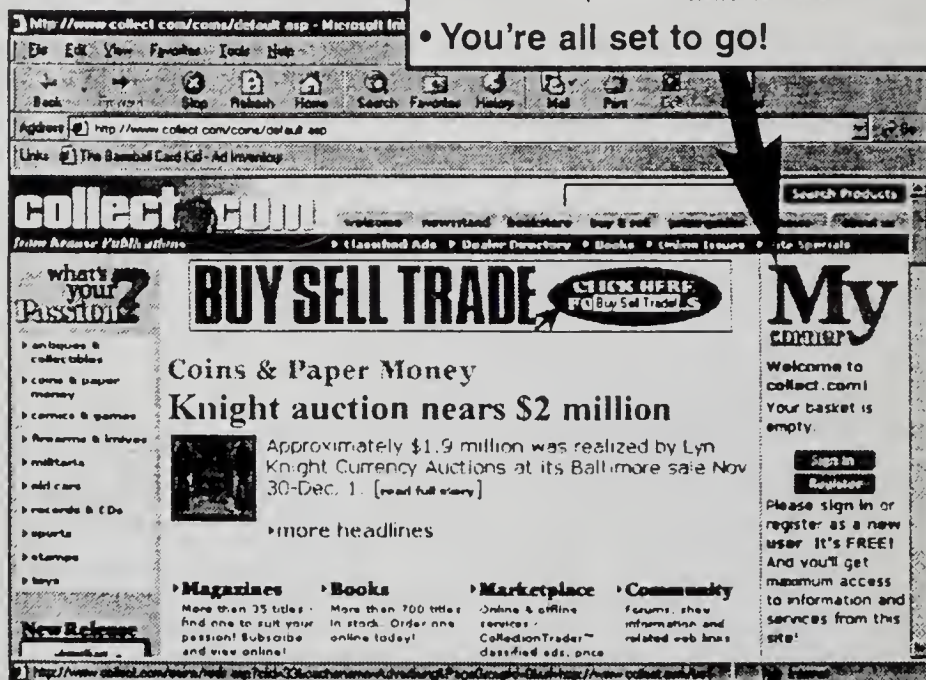
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